



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2748

National War Permanent Tribute Historical Database Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 24, 2002

H.R. 2748 would authorize the Department of the Interior to establish and maintain a database of public memorials to military conflicts. The department would be authorized to enter into contracts and cooperative agreements to obtain information and services to develop the database, which would make available to the public information on the location and history of permanent memorials. Within three years of the legislation's enactment, the department would report to the Congress on the feasibility of establishing a federal fund to repair, restore, or maintain the memorials that are listed in the database.

Based on information provided by the National Park Service (NPS) and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that it would cost around \$1.6 million over the next year or two to establish the memorial database. This amount would be used to design and develop the database. Up-front costs also would include marketing and publishing expenses to facilitate public use of the new database. We estimate that additional costs to maintain the database would be less than \$500,000 annually beginning in 2004, also assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting H.R. 2748 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

This bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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